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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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ASSOCIATED PRESS, :
: Plaintiff, : **ECF CASE**
: :
: - v. - : 06 Civ. 1939 (JSR)
: :
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT :
OF DEFENSE, :
: Defendant. :
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DECLARATION OF SARAH S. NORMAND

SARAH S. NORMAND, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, declares as follows:

1. I am an Assistant United States Attorney in the office of Michael J. Garcia, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, attorney for defendant the United States Department of Defense. I have been assigned to defend this matter, and am fully familiar with the facts pertaining to it.

2. I submit this declaration in support of defendant's motion for partial summary judgment in this matter.

3. A true and correct copy of plaintiff's complaint in this matter is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

4. A true and correct copy of the transcript of the April 3, 2006 conference in this matter is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

5. On April 17, 2006, I was advised by plaintiff's counsel, David Schulz, Esq., that plaintiff consented to a two-day extension of the previously agreed-upon April 17 deadline for production of certain information responsive to plaintiff's request under the Freedom of Information Act.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: New York, New York
May 11, 2006

s/ Sarah S. Normand
SARAH S. NORMAND
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